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## Petition for Extension of Time

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time of three (3) months from the original response date of October 31, 2002 for responding in the above-identified patent application. With the extension of time, the period for response now extends up to and includes January 31, 2003. A check for \$465.00 is enclosed herewith.

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